SailChecker

A VERY CARIBBEAN ODYSSEY

17-28 April 2027

Warm Trade Winds, White Sand, Reef Snorkelling, Anegada Lobster, and best of all, great company.



17 to 28 April 2027 11 nights on the boat	**Tortola, BVI** Fly out Thursday 15 April	**3 × Bali 4.2** 4 double cabins per boat	**From £1,360** per person, shared cabin

Drake Supper Club Invites you to Join us in Tortola in '27



In exchange for your feedback and a few reviews, we're offering friends of the Drake Supper Club our latest subsidised trip: eleven nights on a catamaran in the British Virgin Islands.

What This Trip Is, and What It Isn't

It's a private trip. It isn't open to the public. Places go to friends and family, and to their friends and family. That's how the group has grown since 2021.

It runs on deals, not margins. At certain times of year SailChecker gets deals from charter companies and agents. We use them to run these trips at a fraction of the usual price, and every penny goes into the trip.

It's all for one and one for all. Everyone mucks in, from lines and fenders to shopping and washing up. There's a skipper, but no crew waiting on you.

It won't be perfect. Plans change with the weather, boats sometimes get swapped, and the organisers are volunteers. If you need everything just so, a private charter will suit you better, and we're happy to help you book one.

Party nights rotate. There will be nights when the party is on your boat, but only on certain nights. When we sail with more than one boat, we take turns as the duty boat, so the other nights are yours to keep as quiet as you like.

SAMPLE ROUTE

Embark: Hodge's Creek Marina, Tortola, Saturday 17 April 2027 at 17:00
Planned return: Hodge's Creek Marina, Tuesday 27 April 2027 (final night aboard)
Disembark: Wednesday 28 April 2027 at 10:00

All boarding and check-out times are local BVI time (AST, UTC−4). The booked charter is eleven nights. We are trying to arrange early boarding, but this is not confirmed; please avoid a last-minute arrival and share your proposed flight timings with us.

Possible Route Overview:

Day	Date	Route	NM
1	Sat 17 Apr	Board at Hodge's Creek, Tortola	0
2	Sun 18 Apr	Norman Island	8
3	Mon 19 Apr	Salt Island (RMS Rhone) and Cooper Island	7
4	Tue 20 Apr	Guana Island and Marina Cay	11
5	Wed 21 Apr	The Baths and Leverick Bay, North Sound	17
6 and 7	Thu 22, Fri 23 Apr	Anegada	14
8	Sat 24 Apr	Cane Garden Bay, Tortola	24
9	Sun 25 Apr	Jost Van Dyke	9
10	Mon 26 Apr	White Bay, then Soper's Hole	5
11	Tue 27 Apr	Peter Island, then back to Hodge's Creek	14



Day 1, Saturday 17 April (Boarding at Hodge's Creek)

- Board at 17:00, safety briefing and a look round the boat
- Stow the provisions and settle into cabins
- First dinner together ashore

⛵ *No crossing tonight. Sunset is around 18:40 and charter companies want boats on a mooring well before dark.*

Day 2, Sunday 18 April (Hodge's Creek > Norman Island, 8 NM)

- Down the Sir Francis Drake Channel to The Bight on Norman Island
- Snorkel the Caves, said to be where pirates hid their treasure
- Dinner at Pirates Bight, then a nightcap at the Willy T, the floating bar in the bay

🏴‍☠️ *Said to be the island Robert Louis Stevenson had in mind for Treasure Island.*

Day 3, Monday 19 April (Norman Island > Cooper Island, 7 NM)

- Morning snorkel over the stern of the RMS Rhone, a Royal Mail steamer lost in the 1867 hurricane
- Afternoon and dinner at Cooper Island Beach Club

🐠 *The stern of the Rhone is shallow enough to snorkel. The deeper sections are for divers.*

Day 4, Tuesday 20 April (Cooper Island > Marina Cay, 11 NM)

- Snorkel stop at Monkey Point on Guana Island, a good spot for turtles
- Pick up a mooring at Marina Cay, a tiny island with a bar on top
- Full moon tonight. If the Trellis Bay Full Moon Party is on, a free ferry runs across for the fireballs at 9 PM

🌕 *The 2027 party dates aren't published yet. Marina Cay is a lovely spot either way.*

Day 5, Wednesday 21 April (Marina Cay > Leverick Bay, North Sound, 17 NM)

- Early start to reach The Baths before 9 AM, when the day moorings fill
- Walk and swim through the giant granite boulders to Devil's Bay
- Afternoon sail up to Leverick Bay in North Sound, with tarpon feeding at Saba Rock at 5 PM
- Pirate night, our traditional fancy dress night 🎭

🗡️ *The Sir Francis Drake Channel is named after him, and local tradition says he anchored his fleet in North Sound in 1595. We'll raise a glass to the club's namesake. The Baths closes to boats in a northerly swell; if so, we'll swap days.*

Day 6, Thursday 22 April (North Sound > Anegada, 14 NM)

- A proper passage north to Anegada, the only flat coral island in the chain
- Order lobster by radio before 4 PM for dinner on the beach at the Anegada Reef Hotel

🦞 *Anegada is ringed by reef and needs settled weather. If it's too windy we'll stay in North Sound and do one night instead of two.*

Day 7, Friday 23 April (Anegada)

- Taxi across to Loblolly Bay for snorkelling and lunch
- Afternoon at Cow Wreck Beach, miles of empty sand
- Another night off Setting Point

🏝️ *The quietest day of the trip, and for many people the highlight.*

Day 8, Saturday 24 April (Anegada > Cane Garden Bay, 24 NM)

- The longest leg, a downwind sail along Tortola's north coast
- Beach bars and dinner ashore at Cane Garden Bay

⛵ *Downwind on a catamaran is about as comfortable as sailing gets.*

Day 9, Sunday 25 April (Cane Garden Bay > Jost Van Dyke, 9 NM)

- Swim stop at Sandy Spit, a scrap of sand with a few palm trees
- Walk from Foxy's Taboo to the Bubbly Pool, a rock pool that froths when the swell comes through
- Dinner at Foxy's in Great Harbour

🍹 *Jost Van Dyke is where the Painkiller rum cocktail comes from.*

Day 10, Monday 26 April (Jost Van Dyke > Soper's Hole, 5 NM)

- Morning at White Bay and the Soggy Dollar Bar, where you swim ashore for a drink
- Short hop round to Soper's Hole at Tortola's West End for the night

📸 *Some charter companies don't allow White Bay. We'll check with the base.*

Day 11, Tuesday 27 April (Soper's Hole > Hodge's Creek, 14 NM)

- Last swim stop at Deadman's Bay on Peter Island
- Back to base by 5 PM, then showers, packing and one last group dinner

✈️ *Wednesday: off the boat by 10:00.*

💡 Why This Route?

- Covers the best of the BVI in one trip: Norman Island, The Baths, North Sound, Anegada and Jost Van Dyke
- Flexible for weather. Anegada and The Baths can swap days, and there are always sheltered alternatives
- Short legs, mostly two to three hours, with only two longer passages
- Mid April is dry season: warm, steady trade winds, and after the Easter and regatta crowds



Numbers are the overnight stops; white dots are day stops.

OVERVIEW

We are thrilled to present the Drake Supper Club BVI 2027 trip, eleven nights through the British Virgin Islands. Starting from Hodge's Creek on Tortola, you'll sail the Sir Francis Drake Channel, Virgin Gorda, Anegada and Jost Van Dyke aboard three Bali 4.2 sailing catamarans: Bella Luna (2024), Seas the Day (2022) and Le 113 (2024), all with Navigare Yachting.



Each Bali 4.2 is around 42ft (12.8m), with four double cabins and four bathrooms. We are planning eight people on each boat, including the skipper: 24 places across the fleet. All three have a generator, air conditioning and an inverter. The open living area and forward cockpit give us space to eat and relax together between island hops.

Explore the individual boats on SailChecker for photos, layouts and specifications:

- Bella Luna — Bali 4.2, 2024
- Seas the Day — Bali 4.2, 2022
- Le 113 — Bali 4.2, 2024

Photos and layout supplied by the operator and may show a sister yacht. The layout shown is Bella Luna's; see each boat's page for its own details. Boat-page prices are general charter prices; our group trip price is below.



Each day brings new opportunities to sail, swim, snorkel and explore, whether you're anchoring off a reef, walking through the boulders at The Baths or ordering lobster on Anegada. Our itinerary balances sailing, beaches and camaraderie. And yes, our now-traditional fancy dress night will be back, and this time it's pirates.

As a friend of the Drake Supper Club, you'll be joining this subsidised trip in exchange for your feedback and a short review. In return, you'll enjoy a Caribbean sailing holiday at a fraction of the usual cost.

HOW IT WORKS

We are able to run subsidised events off the deals SailChecker receives from charter companies and agents at certain times of year. Guests need to be a little more flexible than on a regular charter, in return for a much better price.

Payment Terms

50% non-refundable deposit on booking. The remainder is due by Saturday 20 February 2027, eight weeks before we sail.

Cancellation Policy

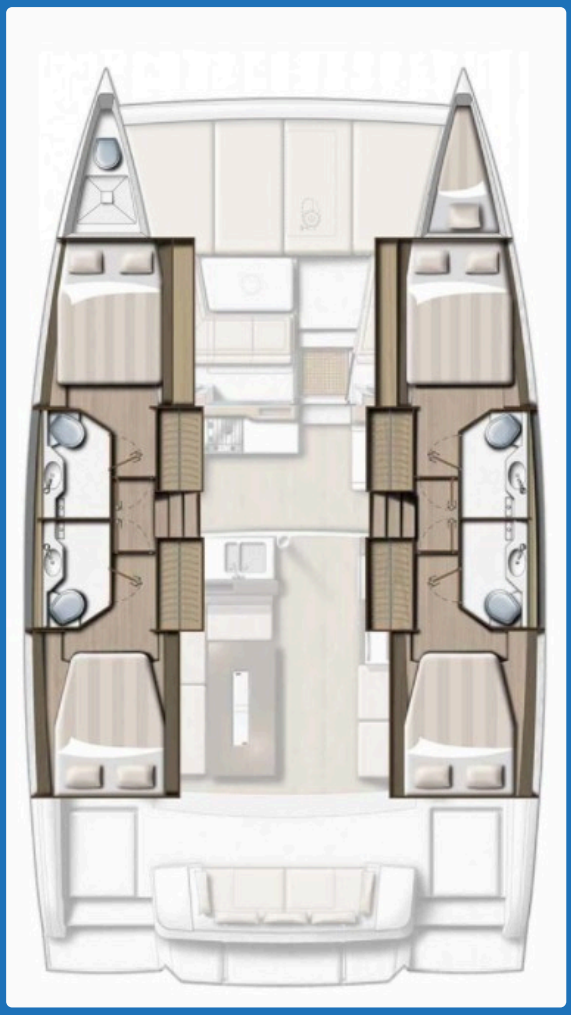
Please note that all payments made are non-refundable. In the event that the operator is unable to deliver the charter, the trip will be rescheduled. We will make every effort to provide refunds by finding replacements for those unable to attend the rescheduled event.

Insurance

We'd recommend that you buy travel insurance that covers cancellation and medical evacuation. The BVI has one hospital, and serious cases are flown to Puerto Rico or the US. Topsail Insurance sells charter travel cover to UK residents.



Our Bali 4.2 Catamarans



Bella Luna: four double cabins, four bathrooms and a small bow cabin. Layouts vary; see each boat's SailChecker page.

PRICES

Subsidised Rate | BVI 2027: shared double cabin, **£1,600 per person** for eleven nights. You get one discount, set by when you book and pay your deposit. Discounts don't combine.

Rate	Who it's for	Price per person	Deposit	Balance by 20 Feb 2027
Returning crew 15% off	Sailed with us to Croatia (May '26) or Sicily (October '26), or are the spouse or partner of someone who did	**£1,360**	£680	£680
Early bird 10% off	Deposit paid by 1 November 2026	**£1,440**	£720	£720
Second early bird 5% off	Deposit paid 2 November to 31 December 2026	**£1,520**	£760	£760
Standard	Deposit paid from 1 January 2027	**£1,600**	£800	£800

💰 The Kitty

Part of your £1,600 goes into the kitty, which pays for food and drink on board, fuel, water, mooring balls and the BVI park and cruising permits. How much depends on how full the boats are: when every boat is full the kitty is healthy, and when we spread crews across boats that aren't full it's smaller. Either way, be ready to top up on the trip.

Included	Not Included
✅ Accommodation in a shared double cabin	❌ Kitty top-ups on the trip
✅ Skipper	❌ Lunches and dinners ashore
✅ Yacht cleaning	❌ Alcoholic drinks ashore
✅ Yacht insurance	❌ Flights, the island hop and taxis
✅ A contribution to the kitty	❌ Hotel nights before and after the charter
✅ Dinghy and snorkel gear on board	❌ BVI US$10 arrival levy, and the US$50 air departure tax if your fare doesn't include it
	❌ Travel insurance and personal expenses



WHAT TO EXPECT

🛏️ Cabin Allocation

All cabins are not equal in size or layout. If you're booking a shared cabin, we'll pair you with another guest, aiming to match preferences where possible. If you book a cabin together, you'll stay together.

🍽️ Meals

- **Breakfast.** Served aboard each morning: fruit, cereals, eggs and fresh coffee
- **Lunch.** Mostly on board at a swim stop, with the odd beach bar lunch
- **Sundowners.** Rum punch and snacks on deck as the sun goes down
- **Supper.** Some nights on board, most nights ashore. The BVI is known for its beach bars, fresh fish and Anegada lobster

Eating out in the BVI costs more than in the Mediterranean, and it's in US dollars. Many restaurants add 10 to 15% service for groups, so check the bill before tipping.



☀️ Weather (April in the BVI)

April is one of the best months to sail here. It's the dry season, outside hurricane season (June to November), and the Easter crowds have gone.

April in the BVI	
Daytime highs	Around 29°C
Evenings	Warm, around 25°C
Sea temperature	Around 27°C, bath-warm for snorkelling
Wind	Steady easterly trade winds
Rain	The odd short shower, usually gone in minutes
Sunrise and sunset	About 6 AM and 6.40 PM

The sun is much stronger than in Europe, even on a cloudy day.



🎒 What to Pack

To stay comfortable and light:

- **Clothing.** Light layers, swimwear, a long-sleeved sun shirt, a hat, and one smarter outfit for evenings ashore
- **A pirate costume.** For Wednesday night at Leverick Bay
- **Essentials.** A light waterproof, non-marking deck shoes (or barefoot), sunglasses, flip-flops, and soft-sided luggage for easy stowing
- **Caribbean extras.** Reef-safe sun cream (plenty of it), insect repellent, a US plug adapter (the BVI uses 110V), a dry bag, and your own snorkel mask if you have one
- **Linen.** Bedding and one towel are provided. Bring a beach towel

⛵ An Average Day Onboard

Each day offers a new adventure: typically a couple of hours of relaxed sailing, a swim stop or two, and time ashore to explore. Paddleboarding, snorkelling and lounging are part of the rhythm. One evening, we'll host a fancy dress night, so bring something piratical if you'd like to join in.



MONEY AND PRACTICALITIES

- **Passports.** UK passport holders don't need a visa for the BVI. Your passport needs six months left on it for the stop in Antigua
- **Arrival card.** Everyone must fill in the BVI online embarkation card up to 72 hours before landing. Use the official site only, bviedcard.gov.vg. Look-alike sites charge a fee
- **Currency.** The US dollar. Cards are widely accepted, and there are cash machines in Road Town and at the airport. Bring small notes for taxis and beach bars
- **Government charges.** A US$10 arrival levy, and the US$50 air departure tax if your fare doesn't include it
- **Time.** The BVI is five hours behind the UK in April
- **Water.** Drink bottled water. The boat's tanks are for washing
- **Health.** Mosquitoes bite in the daytime and there's dengue in the region, so use repellent. Taking shells or coral, even dead coral, is against the law

A Note on Organisation

The organisers give their time voluntarily. We put a lot of care into making this the best possible fortnight, but we ask for your understanding that we're human, and occasionally things don't go exactly to plan. Your patience and good spirit are very much part of what makes these trips work. This is a friends' trip: no profit is made, and any surplus goes into the kitty, so we're unable to issue invoices or receipts.

TRAVEL

✈️ Nearest Airport

Your trip starts and ends at Hodge's Creek Marina on Tortola, near Terrance B. Lettsome Airport (EIS). We will share the flights we are planning to book once the final checks are complete.

Date	Charter arrangements
Sat 17 April 2027	Booked check-in at 17:00. Early boarding being explored, not confirmed.
Tue 27 April 2027	Planned return to Hodge's Creek; final night aboard.
Wed 28 April 2027	Check-out by 10:00. All times local BVI (AST, UTC−4).

Arrivals and Departures

The boats are booked from Saturday 17 April 2027 at 17:00 to Wednesday 28 April 2027 at 10:00: eleven nights. All boarding and check-out times are local BVI time (AST, UTC−4). We plan to return to the marina on Tuesday 27 April, spending the final night aboard.

Arriving the day before, Friday 16 April, is recommended where possible, but it is not a requirement for this trip. We can coordinate collection for later arrivals once we know your timings. We are trying to arrange early boarding on Saturday, but it is not confirmed, so please do not plan a last-minute arrival.

Some of us expect to arrive a day or two early. We are also considering an optional Antigua stopover. Join whichever parts suit you, or make your own plans. Share your proposed flight timings with us so we can coordinate getting everyone aboard.

Return flights are up to each guest. We leave the boats by 10:00 on Wednesday 28 April. Allow time for the airport transfer and airline check-in when choosing a flight. Hotel nights and stopovers outside the charter dates depend on your own travel plans.

Questions? Talk to Chris: chris@sailchecker.com